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SUBJECT: HURRICANE FIFI

REF: BELIZE 522

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM PREMIER PRICE VIA CABINET SECRETARY DAKERS FOR

(A) 500 TONS OF CORN AND

(B) 5,000 BAGS OF RED KIDNEY BEANS

2. THESE ITEMS NEEDED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO MEET IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD STAPLES AS A RESULT OF LOSSES INFLICTED BY HURRICANE FIFI.

3. DAKERS ALSO ASKED ME TO FIND OUT PRICE AND EARLIEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY DATE OF ABOVE ITEMS.

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RM SHORTLY AFTERWARD, DAKERS CALLED ME AGAIN TO SAY THAT THE

PREMIER HAD ASKED HIM TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT ABOVE ITEMS ARE NEEDED TO FEED PEOPLE RATHER THAN LIVESTOCK.

5. JUST BEFORE DAKERS' CALL, COL. FRASER-ORR HAD CALLED ME TO REPORT THAT HIS ASSESSMENT TEAM HAD FOUND THAT, IN ADDITION TO TOTAL LOSS OF NEW BANANA PLANTATIONS, CORN CROP HAD BEEN "WIPE OUT." EXTENT OF OTHER CROP LOSSES STILL BEING APPRAISED.

6. NORMAL ANNUAL CORN CONSUMPTION IN BELIZE ABOUT 12,000 TONS; HENCE, IT IS CLEAR THAT WHAT WE ARE BEING ASKED TO SUPPLY REPRESENTS ONLY IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY NEEDS (FIGURES ON RED KIDNEY BEANS TO FOLLOW).

7. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIFI CONSTITUTES A NATIONAL DISASTER FOR BELIZE; HENCE I RECOMMEND THAT THESE COMMODITIES BE PROVIDED ASAP AND THAT THEY BE FUNDED AS DISASTER RELIEF.

8. I ASKED DAKERS TO TELL PREMIER I WOULD GET A REPLY FOR HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GAWF

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